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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

1961



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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILLORS OF THE  
MABLETHORPE & SUTTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Mr.Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for the year 1961.

During the year deaths exceeded births by 2, also being two more than in 1960. The standardised birth rate was higher than that of the country as a whole, but the standardised death rate was also higher than that of the country as a whole.

The immunisation programme continues to be successful. This year the figures for poliomyelitis inoculation are given. The district has been reasonably free from infectious disease except for measles, which had its expected peak in 1961.

Tuberculosis is no longer the great killer it used to be. Modern drugs do much to reduce the mortality from this disease. Fewer young people die from the disease but the fall in mortality is not so great amongst the elderly who developed the disease many years ago before the advent of modern remedies, but nevertheless with treatment they have had added years of life despite the ravages of the disease.

The problem of the increasing population during the summer months means an increased vigilance on the part of the Public Health Department. The indiscriminate pitching of tents on any piece of land, without proper sanitary arrangements, is not in the interest of the health of the community, and I consider that these tents should be on properly controlled sites with adequate water supply and toilet facilities.

I should like to thank the Chairman and Members of the Council for their interest and co-operation in matters dealing with Public Health. My thanks are also due to the Public Health Inspector, Mr.Long, and the other Officers for their help and advice during the year.

I remain,  
Mr.Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Your obedient Servant,

G. R. THORPE

Medical Officer of Health.





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MABLETHORPE & SUTTON URBAN DISTRICT

A N N U A L   R E P O R T

on the

Health and Sanitary Conditions  
for the Year 1961

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Public Health Officers

Medical Officer of Health

G. R. THORPE, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Public Health Inspector  
& Meat and Milk Inspector

C. V. LONG, B.E.M., C.R.S.H.,

Engineer and Surveyor

E. JORDAN, M.I.Mun.E., M.R.S.H., M.I.S.E.

| <u>Infant Deaths</u>                            |                     | <u>Male</u> | <u>Female</u> |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------|---------------|
| (a) <u>Under 12 Months</u>                      |                     |             |               |
|                                                 | Legitimate          | 1           | 1             |
|                                                 | Illegitimate        | -           | -             |
| Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000                 |                     |             |               |
| Total Live Births                               |                     | 23.5        | (21.6)        |
| "                                               | " Rate per 1,000    |             |               |
|                                                 | Legitimate Births   | 23.8        |               |
| "                                               | " Rate per 1,000    |             |               |
|                                                 | Illegitimate Births | Nil         |               |
| (b) <u>Under 4 Weeks</u>                        |                     | <u>Male</u> | <u>Female</u> |
|                                                 | Legitimate          | -           | 1             |
|                                                 | Illegitimate        | -           | -             |
| Neo-Natal Mortality Rate per 1,000              |                     |             |               |
| Live Births                                     |                     | 11.76       | (15.5)        |
| (c) <u>Under 1 Week</u>                         |                     | <u>Male</u> | <u>Female</u> |
|                                                 | Legitimate          | -           | -             |
|                                                 | Illegitimate        | -           | -             |
| Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate                  |                     | Nil         |               |
| Perinatal Mortality Rate (Still Births &        |                     |             |               |
| Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 Total             |                     |             |               |
| Live and Stillbirths)                           |                     | 11.6        | (32.2)        |
| Maternal Deaths (including abortion):-          |                     | Nil         |               |
| <u>Infant Deaths - Causes and Ages at Death</u> |                     | <u>Age</u>  |               |
| Asphyxia - Smothering                           |                     | 9 Weeks     |               |
| Intracranial Haemorrhage                        |                     | 1 Week      |               |

Table 1.

Table showing ages at death during the past 5 years and the averages for that period compared with those for 1960.

| Year            | 0/1 | 1/5 | 5/15 | 15/25 | 25/35 | 35/45 | 45/55 | 55/65 | 65/75 | 75/85 | 85+ | Total |
|-----------------|-----|-----|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|-------|
| 1960            | 3   | -   | -    | -     | -     | -     | 5     | 16    | 23    | 30    | 8   | = 85  |
| 1959            | 3   | -   | -    | -     | 1     | -     | 2     | 10    | 18    | 22    | 8   | = 64  |
| 1958            | 2   | -   | -    | -     | 1     | 1     | 3     | 8     | 26    | 30    | 10  | = 81  |
| 1957            | 1   | 1   | -    | 1     | -     | 1     | 3     | 6     | 19    | 22    | 4   | = 58  |
| 1956            | -   | -   | -    | 1     | 2     | 2     | 3     | 9     | 16    | 20    | 7   | = 60  |
| Average Numbers | 1.8 | 0.2 | -    | 0.4   | 0.8   | 0.8   | 3.2   | 9.8   | 20.4  | 24.8  | 7.4 | =69.6 |
| 1961 Figures    | 2   | 1   | -    | -     | 1     | 1     | 3     | 12    | 24    | 27    | 16  | = 87  |

Table 2. Malignant and other Neoplasms - Ages at Death

|                | Stomach |   | Lung<br>Bronchus |   | Breast |   | Uterus | Other Sites |   | Total |   |
|----------------|---------|---|------------------|---|--------|---|--------|-------------|---|-------|---|
|                | M       | F | M                | F | M      | F | F      | M           | F | M     | F |
| Under 40 Years |         |   |                  |   |        |   |        | 1           |   | 1     | - |
| 40 - 45 "      |         |   |                  |   |        |   |        |             |   | -     | - |
| 45 - 50 "      |         |   |                  |   |        |   |        |             |   | -     | - |
| 50 - 55 "      |         |   |                  |   |        |   |        |             |   | -     | - |
| 55 - 60 "      |         |   |                  |   |        |   |        |             |   | -     | - |
| 60 - 65 "      |         |   | 1                |   |        |   |        | 1           | 1 | 2     | 1 |
| 65 - 70 "      |         |   |                  | 1 |        | 1 |        | 1           | 1 | 1     | 3 |
| 70 - 75 "      |         | 1 |                  |   |        | 1 | 1      | 4           | - | 4     | 3 |
| 75 - 85 "      |         |   | 1                |   |        | 1 |        | 2           | - | 3     | 1 |
| 85+            |         |   |                  |   |        |   |        |             |   | -     | - |
|                | -       | 1 | 2                | 1 | -      | 3 | 1      | 9           | 2 | 11    | 8 |

Table 3. Total Causes of Death in the Area, 1961.

|                                                | M  | F  | 1 9 6 1<br>Total (a) |    | (b)  |
|------------------------------------------------|----|----|----------------------|----|------|
| 1. Tuberculosis of Respiratory System          | -  | -  | -                    | -  | 0.6  |
| 2. " Non-respiratory                           | -  | -  | -                    | -  | -    |
| 3. Syphilitic Disease                          | -  | -  | -                    | -  | 0.2  |
| 4. Acute Poliomyelitis                         | -  | -  | -                    | -  | -    |
| 5. Other Infective and Parasitic diseases      | -  | -  | -                    | -  | 0.4  |
| 6. Malignant Neoplasm - Stomach                | -  | 1  | 1                    | -  | 1.8  |
| 7. " " - Lung, Bronchus                        | 2  | 1  | 3                    | 7  | 3.6  |
| 8. " " - Breast                                | -  | 3  | 3                    | 1  | 1.4  |
| 9. " " - Uterus                                | -  | 1  | 1                    | 1  | 0.8  |
| 10. Other Malignant and Lymphatic<br>Neoplasms | 9  | 2  | 11                   | 8  | 4.4  |
| 11. Leukaemia - aleukaemia                     | -  | -  | -                    | 1  | 0.2  |
| 12. Diabetes                                   | -  | -  | -                    | 3  | 0.6  |
| 13. Vascular Lesions of Nervous System         | 5  | 12 | 17                   | 16 | 13.2 |
| 14. Coronary disease, angina                   | 5  | 6  | 11                   | 12 | 11.0 |
| 15. Hypertension with Heart Disease            | 3  | 2  | 5                    | 3  | 1.8  |
| 16. Other Heart Disease                        | -  | 7  | 7                    | 15 | 12.4 |
| 17. Other Circulatory Disease                  | 2  | 2  | 4                    | 1  | 2.2  |
| 18. Pneumonia                                  | 2  | 4  | 6                    | 2  | 1.4  |
| 19. Bronchitis                                 | 3  | -  | 3                    | 4  | 2.6  |
| 20. Other diseases of Respiratory System       | 1  | -  | 1                    | 2  | 0.6  |
| 21. Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum              | -  | 1  | 1                    | -  | 0.2  |
| 22. Hyperplasia of Prostate                    | 1  | -  | 1                    | 1  | 2.0  |
| 23. Nephritis and Nephrosis                    | 1  | -  | 1                    | -  | -    |
| 24. Congenital Malformations                   | -  | -  | -                    | -  | 0.4  |
| 25. Other defined and ill-defined diseases     | 3  | 5  | 8                    | 8  | 6.6  |
| 26. Motor Vehicle Accidents                    | -  | -  | -                    | -  | 0.4  |
| 27. All other accidents                        | 1  | 2  | 3                    | -  | 0.4  |
| 28. Suicide                                    | -  | -  | -                    | -  | 0.4  |
| N.B.                                           | 38 | 49 | 87                   | 85 | 69.6 |

(a) Above refers to the corresponding numbers for 1960

(b) " " " " average numbers over the preceding five year period.

Deaths during 1961 increased by two, giving a total of 87 for the year. Two infant deaths occurred during the year. 16 of the adult deaths occurred in persons over 85 years of age and 27 persons had reached the age of 75 years.

Malignant disease accounted for 19 of the deaths; vascular lesions of the nervous system caused 17 deaths and coronary disease accounted for 11 deaths. No accidental deaths due to motor vehicles were reported but other accidents caused 3 deaths.

## GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

### Laboratory Facilities

Dr.J.M.Croll of the Public Health Laboratory Service at Lincoln provides us with a helpful service in reporting on the various samples of water and foodstuffs, which we regularly send to the laboratory. The laboratory is particularly useful in helping to trace the cause of outbreaks of food poisoning which crop up from time to time and Dr.Croll and his staff have been most helpful with their assistance and advice. 198 samples of various types were submitted to the laboratory for examination.

### Clinic Provisions

The Clinic continues to be very well attended and in the Summer months visitors take advantage of its services by attending for advice.

By attending the Clinic regularly any defects or deterioration of health can readily be detected and treated at an early stage. The Clinic is a pleasant building and the friendly attitude of the staff does much to encourage regular attendance.

### Times of Clinic

|                               |                                                            |                                          |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Infant Welfare                | Thursday                                                   | 2 - 4 p.m.                               |
| Ante-Natal                    | 1st & 3rd Thursdays                                        | 9.30 a.m.to 12 noon                      |
| Toddlers                      | 2nd, 4th & 5th Thursdays<br>5th Wednesday of each<br>month | " " " " "<br>" " " " "<br>and 2 - 4 p.m. |
| Welfare Food<br>Distributions | Thursday                                                   | 2 - 4 p.m.                               |
| Chiropody                     | By appointment only<br>2nd & 4th Fridays                   | 8.30 a.m.to 12 noon<br>and 1 - 4 p.m.    |

### "TUFTY" CLUB

For Toddlers up to  
school age.(Under the  
auspices of Police and  
Road Safety Committee)  
2nd Tuesday of each month 2.30 p.m.  
8.

## PREVALENCE OF & CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS & OTHER DISEASES

Infectious diseases other than Tuberculosis notified during 1961

| Disease   | Cases Notified | Case rates per 1,000 of estimated population |
|-----------|----------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Measles   | 15             | 2.88                                         |
| Pneumonia | 1              | 0.19                                         |
| Dysentery | 1              | 0.19                                         |

The bulk of these diseases will be seen to be due to measles, 15 cases being notified.

### Tuberculosis

Two cases were notified - one pulmonary in a female, aged 66 years, and the other, a non-pulmonary case, in a female aged 58 years. No deaths from tuberculosis were reported. Since the use of anti-tubercular drugs became widespread the mortality from tuberculosis has steadily declined. This decline in mortality has been much faster in the young people than amongst the elderly. In 1930, 14,010 persons between 15 and 29 years of age died from tuberculosis in England and Wales but in 1960 only 75 deaths occurred in this age group. The reason for the disparity of the mortality in different age groups is that fewer young people are developing the disease. Tuberculosis in the past took many years to run its course and many of the elderly who are now dying developed the disease many years ago before modern drugs were available. The advent of new drugs enable them to live on a number of years even though they had been severely affected, and death occurred later in life.

### PROPHYLAXIS MEASURES AGAINST DIPHTHERIA, WHOOPING COUGH, SMALLPOX AND TETANUS

#### (a) Diphtheria Immunisation

| Under Five Years | 5 - 14 Years | Booster Doses |
|------------------|--------------|---------------|
| 2                | 4            | 43            |

(b) Form of Prophylaxis

|                                                          | Under<br>1 | 1  | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 - 9 | 10 - 14 | Total |
|----------------------------------------------------------|------------|----|---|---|---|-------|---------|-------|
| Diphtheria and<br>Whooping Cough<br>Immunisations        | -          | -  | - | - | - | -     | -       | -     |
| Diphtheria, Tetanus<br>& Whooping Cough<br>Immunisations | 31         | 45 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 3     | -       | 87    |
| Diphtheria<br>Tetanus<br>Immunisations                   | -          | -  | - | - | - | 1     | -       | 1     |
| Whooping Cough<br>Immunisations                          | -          | -  | - | - | - | -     | -       | -     |
| Whooping Cough<br>and Tetanus<br>Immunisations           | -          | -  | - | - | - | 1     | -       | 1     |
| Totals                                                   | 31         | 45 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 5     | -       | 89    |

(c) Tetanus

|             | Under<br>1 | 1 - 4 | 5 - 14 | 15 or<br>over | Total |
|-------------|------------|-------|--------|---------------|-------|
| Vaccination | -          | 5     | 27     | 2             | 34    |
| Booster     | -          | -     | -      | -             | -     |

(d) Smallpox

|                | Under<br>1 | 1 - 4 | 5 - 14 | 15 or<br>over | Total |
|----------------|------------|-------|--------|---------------|-------|
| Vaccination    | 45         | 16    | 7      | 11            | 79    |
| Re-vaccination | -          | -     | -      | 2             | 2     |

I am grateful to Dr.C.D.Cormac, the County Medical Officer of Health for supplying statistics relating to immunisation.

The figures are satisfactory and have remained much the same as last year.

Diphtheria

|     |               |     |    |      |
|-----|---------------|-----|----|------|
| (a) | Under 5 years | ... | 86 | (97) |
| (b) | 5 to 14 "     | ... | 8  | (19) |
| (c) | Booster doses | ... | 43 | (91) |

Whooping Cough

... 88 (111)

Tetanus

... 123 (117)

Smallpox

|     |                |     |    |      |
|-----|----------------|-----|----|------|
| (a) | Primary        | ... | 79 | (89) |
| (b) | Re-vaccination | ... | 2  | (5)  |

Poliomyelitis

It is now possible to give some figures relating to poliomyelitis and I am grateful to Dr.C.D.Cormac, the County Medical Officer of Health, for supplying the undermentioned particulars of immunisation since the scheme started to the 31st December, 1961.

December, 1951.

|                  |   | Persons born in the years |       |       |        |
|------------------|---|---------------------------|-------|-------|--------|
|                  |   | 61-43                     | 42-33 | 32-21 | Others |
| Had 2 Injections |   | 161                       | 75    | 101   | 15     |
| " 3              | " | 701                       | 230   | 150   | 39     |
| " 4              | " | 326                       | -     | -     | -      |

From the above it will be seen that 1798 persons have received injections against poliomyelitis. 1120 of them have had their third dose of vaccine and 326 children have had a fourth "booster" dose. This scheme has involved giving a total of 5368 injections or doses of vaccine as shown in the following age groups:-

| <u>Age Group</u>          | <u>Total<br/>Vaccinated</u> | <u>Total Doses<br/>or Injections</u> |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1 - 18 Years              | 1188                        | 3729                                 |
| 19- 28     "              | 305                         | 840                                  |
| 29- 40     "              | 251                         | 652                                  |
| Others in priority groups | 54                          | 147                                  |
|                           | <u>1798</u>                 | <u>5368</u>                          |

It is now possible to take the vaccine by mouth and thus avoid the use of the hypodermic needle which occasionally causes some children to be rather apprehensive.

### ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

The Public Health Inspector, Mr. Long, has kindly supplied a more detailed report under this heading.

#### Housing of Elderly Persons

This is a subject which has been receiving a great deal of attention recently. Many elderly persons find a large house too big for their needs and frequently avoid using the upper rooms because of the difficulty in climbing stairs. A small bungalow or a flat would seem to be the ideal solution. Special attention needs to be paid to the construction of these dwellings and, where possible, the rooms should be on the same level, avoiding steps, which may cause a fall to those unsteady on their feet. Lighting should be adequate and two-way switching would avoid crossing bedroom floors in darkness. Power points could be placed a few feet above the skirting board to avoid bending, which may cause an attack of giddiness in the elderly. Central heating would prevent the danger of an open fire. These suggestions may be of help in reducing the number of accidents in the home, which are all too common these days.

#### Rodent Control

A considerable amount of damage to foodstuffs can be done by rats and other vermin and there is always the danger of spread of disease caused by these pests. Constant efforts towards their destruction must be maintained and private individuals should be encouraged to deal with their own premises as soon as infestation is noticed, if possible. The Health Department is always willing to advise and help in this matter but time and manpower are limited and personal endeavour would do much to reduce this menace.





To the Chairman and Members of the Mablethorpe and Sutton  
U.D.C.

Mr.Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting this report for the year 1961 for inclusion in the official Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health.

The form of the report is based on the requirements of various Ministry Circulars and Statutory Instruments but I have made an endeavour to give members of the Council a word picture of the work of the Department during 1961.

I find it most difficult to give a fair representation of the work or achievements of the Department because we are always working to a negative. It is so very rare that we can say "we have achieved that by our labour". As an example, how can one estimate the number of cases of food poisoning we have prevented by our work on food hygiene. However, on close study of the following statistics one realises that something has been achieved. The report shows that no tuberculosis was found in the animals slaughtered for human consumption during the year. A gradual decrease has been noticed but this is the first year of total absence. This is indeed an achievement by the combined efforts of the Ministries and the Local Authorities.

Another achievement worthy of recording is the way this Authority has housed and cared for the elderly people. The completion of Ashley Close Estate, specially designed for the elderly, is a real step forward in this important field.

I take this opportunity of sincerely thanking all my colleagues in the office for their help and co-operation during the year. I would also like to thank the Chairman and Members of the Council for their help and support during the year 1961.

I am, Mr.Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen,  
Your obedient Servant.

C.V.LONG.

Public Health Inspector  
Housing Manager.



## ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

### WATER SUPPLY

A total of 71 samples of water was submitted for chemical and/or bacteriological examination during the year. The results are set out below:-

#### A. Chemical Examination

|                    |   |     |   |              |
|--------------------|---|-----|---|--------------|
| (1) Public supply  | - | 4   | - | Satisfactory |
| (2) Private supply | - | Nil |   |              |

#### B. Bacteriological Examination

|                    |   |         |   |     |
|--------------------|---|---------|---|-----|
| (1) Public supply  | - | Class 1 | - | 69  |
|                    |   | " 2     | - | Nil |
|                    |   | " 3     | - | Nil |
|                    |   | " 4     | - | Nil |
| (2) Private supply | - | -       | - | Nil |

### Statistical Information

|                                                                                                                      |     |       |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-------|
| No. of houses supplied from public mains - in house                                                                  | ... | 98.5% |
| - standpipe/outside tap                                                                                              | ... | 2%    |
| No. of houses supplied from private source - in house                                                                | ..  | 1%    |
| - not in house                                                                                                       | ... | 5%    |
| New sources of supply and location - public                                                                          | ... | Nil   |
| No. of new sources of supply and location - private                                                                  | ... | Nil   |
| No. of houses supplied therefrom                                                                                     | ... | N/A   |
| No. of public supplies closed as (i) polluted                                                                        | ..  | Nil   |
| (ii) other reasons                                                                                                   | ... | Nil   |
| Any part of the district requiring a public supply or the replacement of a public supply for public health reasons:- |     |       |
| - Gray's Field Estate - Golf Road, Mablethorpe - private bores.                                                      |     |       |

### General Remarks in connection with water supplies

Little or nothing need be said about the water supply of the Urban District, as it remains consistently good both in quality and quantity, I feel, however, that it should be said that this is due to the vigilance of the Water Engineer and his Department.

## DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

### Statistical Information

|                                                  |     |      |
|--------------------------------------------------|-----|------|
| No. of houses with privy vaults (Farms)          | ... | 7    |
| No. of houses with pail closets                  | ... | 78   |
| No. of houses with water closets                 | ... | 2190 |
| No. of water closets repaired                    | ... | 87   |
| No. of drains examined or exposed for inspection | ..  | 116  |
| No. of R.W.P.'s and waste pipes repaired         | ... | 54   |
| No. of drains found obstructed and repaired      | ... | 67   |
| No. of cesspools abolished                       | ... | 2    |
| No. of pail closets converted                    | ... | Nil  |

### Sewer Extension

The sewer extensions referred to in the last Annual Report have been considered and schemes prepared. It is unfortunate that the Government economy measure has stopped progress.

During the year 120 yards of sewer was laid at the North End of Mablethorpe. This has enabled 2 houses to be converted to the water carriage and a camp site to be connected to the sewer, and has lead to the construction of much needed public toilets and a cafe in this increasingly popular part of the Urban Area.

This scheme is considered to be an important step forward from a Public Health point of view.

### Drainage

The number of obstructed drains and drainage complaints is much less than in previous years. This could be due to the reconstruction of faulty drains as and when they are found by inspection. Owing to the flat contour and nature of the ground, shallow house drains will continue to be a source of complaint. Cesspools and septic tanks will be with us for many years to come and will cause their share of troubles and complaints.

### Sewage Works

A scheme for a revised system of sewage disposal is now being prepared by Consulting Engineers. We look forward to the report and hope that the economy measures will not stop this important development.

## REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

The weekly collection of house and trade refuse has, once again been maintained throughout the year, in spite of the difficulties referred to last year.

A considerable improvement has been noticed at the Controlled Tip since the introduction of mechanical equipment.

The introduction of mechanical spraying equipment for insect and fly control on this Tip has been well worthwhile and it is pleasing to report considerable improvement in this field.

On the collection side we are still working to capacity in the summer months, with nothing in reserve for possible breakdowns. In spite of this only 3 genuine complaints of non-removal of refuse were received.

275 visits were made during the year for the purposes of control on this section of the Department.

## DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT

In common with all Local Authorities in Lindsey an increase in the rat population was noted in the Autumn of 1961. The main increase appeared to be in the agricultural areas of the District and the immediately adjoining properties. There have been many theories put forward why this increase has taken place, viz. several good breeding seasons together, open winters and changed methods in agriculture, but in my opinion a major contributory factor was the closing down of the Agricultural Executive Committee Contract Scheme. This has virtually left large areas of farm land without any or very little control due to the lack of trained staff.

Fortunately, this state of affairs did not affect this District in as much as that we persuaded the farmers to continue contracts for rat destruction with a private concern. Where this was not possible we extended the advisory service. By these methods and our own efforts, it is pleasing to report that we have the situation very well under control and there is no cause for alarm whatsoever. The mouse problem was rather acute in the Autumn but this had abated by the end of the year.

A part-time rodent operator is employed and I set out below an analysis of his visits and treatments. When this operator is not on rodent work he is employed on Refuse Collection which takes him to likely places of infestation. Thus, together with my constant visits to almost every part of the area for one reason or another, there is complete coverage throughout the year.

|                                | Local Authority<br>Premises | Private<br>Dwellings | Agric.<br>Premises | Business<br>Premises |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Visits<br>resultant<br>from:-  |                             |                      |                    |                      |
| A:Notifications                | -                           | 132                  | 4                  | 22                   |
| B:Survey                       | 11                          | 443                  | 18                 | 28                   |
| Visit for<br>other purposes    | 3                           | 312                  | 43                 | 289                  |
| Treatments &<br>re-inspections | 87                          | 724                  | 33                 | 97                   |
| Infestations                   |                             |                      |                    |                      |
| Rats - Major                   | 3                           | 10                   | 4                  | 1                    |
| Rats - Minor                   | 2                           | 80                   | -                  | 97                   |
| Mice                           | 6                           | 97                   | 2                  | 17                   |

127 special visits were made by me to advise on difficult cases and for routine checking of the service.

During the month of March 1961 the sewers of the whole area were test baited for evidence of rat infestation. 57 manholes were baited and it is pleasing to report that 'no take' was recorded at all points.

### Nuisances

|                                                                        |    |     |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|-----|
| Total number of nuisances during year                                  | .. | 405 |
| (1) Abated as result of informal action by the Public Health Inspector | .. | 401 |
| (2) Reported to Council - Statutory Notice issued                      | .. | Nil |
| - Statutory Notice not issued                                          | .. | 4   |

## Details of nuisances abated

|                                            | After<br>Informal<br>Intimation | After<br>Statutory<br>Notice |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Refuse                                     | 45                              | -                            |
| Foul ditches, ponds<br>and stagnant water. | 4                               | -                            |
| Drainage                                   | 86                              | -                            |
| Poultry and animals                        | 2                               | -                            |
| Dangerous premises                         | -                               | -                            |
| Miscellaneous                              | 268                             | -                            |

## Noise Abatement Act

During the latter part of the season two complaints were received about noise. In one case the noise arose from the amplified human voice of a Bingo Caller on a stall on the other side of the road. The noise was being directed into the street to attract the attention of passers by as possible customers. The monotonous drone of the caller seemed to actually penetrate the living rooms of the properties opposite and in my opinion caused a nuisance. This was resolved by the season closing. The other case was a mechanical noise by roller coasters in an Amusement Park. It is hoped that the baffled walls provided this winter will cure this trouble.

These cases have drawn attention to this Act and both will be observed early in the coming season.

## Factories Act

We have no large industrial premises in the district, the principal industries being the holiday and catering trades together with agriculture. The small workshops and factories are mainly ancillary to the above trades. A copy of the annual return required by the Act is set out on the following page:-

PART I OF THE ACT

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health  
(including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

| Premises<br>(1)                                                                                                             | No. on<br>Register<br>(2) | Number of          |                           |                               |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
|                                                                                                                             |                           | Inspections<br>(3) | Written<br>Notices<br>(4) | Occupier<br>Prosecuted<br>(5) |
| (i) Factories in which<br>Sections 1,2,3,4 &<br>6 are to be enforced<br>by Local Authorities                                | 5                         |                    | -                         | -                             |
| (ii) Factories not<br>included in (i) in<br>which Section 7 is<br>enforced by the<br>Local Authority                        | 30                        | 31                 | -                         | -                             |
| (iii) Other premises in<br>which Section 7 is<br>enforced by the<br>Local Authority<br>(excluding out-<br>workers premises) | 3                         |                    | -                         | -                             |
| TOTAL                                                                                                                       | 38                        | 31                 | -                         | -                             |

2. Cases in which defects were found.

| Particulars                                                                      | Number of cases in which defects were found |              |                                |                       | No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                  | Found (2)                                   | Remedied (3) | Referred To H.M. Inspector (4) | By H.M. Inspector (5) |                                                        |
| Want of cleanliness (S1).....                                                    | 3                                           | 3            | -                              | -                     | -                                                      |
| Overcrowding (S2)...                                                             | -                                           | -            | -                              | -                     | -                                                      |
| Unreasonable temperature (S3)...                                                 | -                                           | -            | -                              | -                     | -                                                      |
| Inadequate ventilation (S4)...                                                   | -                                           | -            | -                              | -                     | -                                                      |
| Ineffective drainage of floors (S6).....                                         | -                                           | -            | -                              | -                     | -                                                      |
| Sanitary Conveniences (S7) .....                                                 | -                                           | -            | -                              | -                     | -                                                      |
| (a) Insufficient...                                                              | -                                           | -            | -                              | -                     | -                                                      |
| (b) Unsuitable or defective.....                                                 | -                                           | -            | -                              | -                     | -                                                      |
| (c) Not separate for sexes.....                                                  | -                                           | -            | -                              | -                     | -                                                      |
| Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)..... | -                                           | -            | -                              | -                     | -                                                      |
| TOTAL                                                                            | 3                                           | 3            | -                              | -                     | -                                                      |

PART VIII OF THE ACT

Section 110 and 111.....Nil.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### Verminous Premises

Once again I have pleasure in reporting that no complaints of vermin (bugs, lice or fleas) were reported. A number of cockroach complaints were dealt with and an increased number of requests was received for help in cases of troublesome wasp nests.

### Shops Act

Routine visits were made for the purposes of the Shops Act 1950. The sections of the Act that are administered by the Local Authority deal with heating, lighting, ventilation facilities for washing, taking of meals and sanitary accommodation.

The closing of shops is dealt with by the County Council via the Police.

### Miscellaneous Samples

#### (a) Sea Water

During the year 23 samples of sea water were submitted for bacteriological examination. The same pattern of results was obtained as in previous years. This leads me to confirm my statement of last year that the sea on this stretch of coast is bacteriologically safe for bathing purposes.

#### (b) Bathing Pool

During the year a private firm constructed a bathing pool at the Northern End of the District. This has been equipped with the latest filtration and sterilization plant. 6 samples were submitted for examination and the results in all cases were excellent.

#### (c) Dyke Water

3 samples of water from the inland dykes were submitted for examination. These were required for a specific purpose.

#### (d) Paddling Pools

20 samples of water from the Council owned paddling pools were submitted for examination. More than half of the samples were of untreated waters. This was to prove to the attendants that by proper treatment it was possible to keep the pools in a sterile condition. The constant changing of the attendants makes the control of these pools rather difficult and we must continue with the rather strict supervision.

## General

During the year 576 unclassified visits and inspections were made covering all types of complaints and requests for help and advice.

## HOUSING

Total number of new houses erected during the year

|     |                                                                       |     |     |
|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|
| (1) | By the Local Authority                                                | ... | 33  |
| (2) | By other Local Authorities                                            | ... | Nil |
| (3) | By other bodies or persons                                            | ... | 42  |
| (4) | Number allocated for replacing houses<br>subject to Demolition Orders | ... | 7   |

## Housing Repairs and Rent Act 1954 - 57

|                                         |    |   |
|-----------------------------------------|----|---|
| No. of Certificates of Disrepair issued | .. | 1 |
| No. of Undertakings accepted            | .. | 1 |

## Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year

|        |                                                                                                           |     |     |
|--------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|
| (1)(a) | Total number of dwelling houses inspected for<br>housing defects (under Public Health or<br>Housing Acts) | ... | 131 |
| (b)    | Number of inspections made for the<br>purpose                                                             | ... | 265 |

## Remedy of Defects during the year without service of formal Notices

|                                                                                                                                  |     |     |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|
| Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in<br>consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or<br>their Officer | ... | 103 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|

## Action under Statutory powers during the year

|      |                                                                                                          |         |
|------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| (1)  | <u>Proceedings under Public Health Acts</u>                                                              |         |
| (a)  | Number of dwelling houses in respect of which<br>notices were served requiring defects to be<br>remedied | ... Nil |
| (b)  | Number of dwelling houses in which defects<br>were remedied after service of formal notices              | .. Nil  |
| (i)  | By owners                                                                                                | ... Nil |
| (ii) | by local authority in<br>default of owners                                                               | ... Nil |

(2) Proceedings under Housing Acts

- (a) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs .. Nil
- (b) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:-
  - (i) by owners .. Nil
  - (ii) by local authority in default of owners .. Nil
  - (iii) Number of unfit houses purchased by local authority in accordance with Housing Acts .. Nil
- (c) Number of Certificates of Disrepair issued .. 1

(3) Slum Clearance - Proceedings under the Housing Acts

- (a) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made (individual unfit houses only) .. 1
- (b) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders (individual unfit houses only) .. 3
- (c) Number of dwelling houses, or parts, subject to Closing Orders .. Nil
- (d) Number of dwelling houses, or parts rendered fit by undertakings .. 1
- (e) Number of dwelling houses, included in confirmed Clearance Orders .. Nil
- (f) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance thereof .. Nil
- (g) Total number of dwelling houses on which Demolition Orders are operative and which are still occupied except under the provisions of Sections 34, 35 and 46 of the Housing Act 1957 .. .. Nil
- (h) Total number of dwelling houses occupied under Sections 34, 35 and 46 of the Housing Act 1957. Nil
- (i) Houses demolished or closed voluntarily by owners which would otherwise have been the subject of statutory action to secure demolition or closure .. Nil

(4) Nissen Huts or similar Hutments

(a) Number still occupied .. Nil

(b) Date by which it is anticipated occupants will be rehoused .. N/A

(5) Estimated number of dwellings, excluding those under paragraph (4) above, remaining to be dealt with under:-

(a) The Housing Act, 1957, Sections 16 and 18 .. 2 or 3

(b) The Housing Act, 1957, Section 42 .. Nil

Housing Acts - Overcrowding

(a) (i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year .. Nil

(ii) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year .. N/A

(b) (i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year .. N/A

(ii) Number of families dwelling therein .. N/A

(iii) Number of persons dwelling therein .. N/A

Housing Acts, 1949 - 59

Number of dwellings for which applications for Grants have been received (a) Standard Grant ... 4 (b) Discretionary Grant . 8

Number of dwellings subject to Grant (a) Standard Grant ... 4 (b) Discretionary Grant . 8

Number of houses owned by local authority which have been the subject of grant aid by the Ministry ... Nil

GENERAL REMARKS ON HOUSING

A. Improvement Grants

The system of improving housing by means of grant is still popular and is a very useful and sound way of improving the general housing standard of the Urban Area. Since this scheme

commenced we have dealt with 104 Discretionary Grants and 4 Standard Grants, the money involved being £17,790. 78 visits have been made for purposes of this Act during the year.

#### B. Housing Repairs and Rent Act, 1954 - 57

Again very little use has been made of these Acts. Only one application was dealt with during the year.

#### C. Common Lodging Houses

No Common Lodging House exists in the District. This also applies to houses in multiple occupation, or houses let in lodgings.

#### D. Unfit Houses

Each year we endeavour to deal with worn out properties. From the statistics it will be seen that three more houses have been demolished and another unfit house has had a major overhaul to render it fit for occupation.

#### E. Council Housing

At the 1st April 1961 there were 2275 houses and flats in the Urban Area of which 315 are Council Houses and Flats. This means that approximately 14% of the total units of living accommodation in the Urban Area are owned by the Council. The day to day maintenance, interviewing of tenants and general administration causes a considerable amount of work in the Department.

As many as 928 repairs were carried out to the Council Houses. These are sub-divided as follows:-

|                    |   |     |
|--------------------|---|-----|
| Plumbing works     | - | 243 |
| Firegrate repairs  | - | 38  |
| Bricklayer's works | - | 98  |
| Joinery works      | - | 377 |
| Electrical works   | - | 109 |
| Gas repairs        | - | 14  |

Whilst on this section dealing with repairs, it is interesting to note that by adopting a very good specification for our painting contracts it was found that no painting was required in the year and the whole painting rota has been put forward thus saving between £300 to £400.

At the end of the year the waiting list of applicants for Council Houses was as follows:-

|                                                |       |
|------------------------------------------------|-------|
| (1) Families in rooms - furnished houses etc.  | .. 55 |
| (2) Controlled tenants requiring accommodation | .. 37 |
| (3) Owner/occupiers requiring accommodation    | .. 15 |

These figures are approximately the same as last year but this does not mean that families were not housed during the year. Actually 17 families were rehoused by the normal process of persons leaving the district and otherwise by obtaining other accommodation. In addition 32 units of accommodation were occupied by elderly people.

#### F. Housing the Elderly

In the foregoing remarks it will be seen that we own 315 houses and flats. Of these, 68 are suitable for housing elderly or handicapped persons. This represents about 21.5% of the total. This proportion of approximately 1 to 5 in an Urban District of this size must clearly show that we are one of the most enlightened and forward looking Housing Authorities in this respect. The care of the elderly is not only a matter of finding houses and flats; experience has shown that elderly persons have a rundown of their physical faculties. This results in diminished ability to housekeep, which often leads to mal-nutrition, loneliness and sometimes squalor.

We are now fortunate in having an Estate specially designed for housing the elderly. This is the Ashley Close Estate at Trusthorpe. It consists of 16 traditional one bedroom flats, 14 one person flatlets and 2 double person flatlets. The whole Estate is centred round the flatlet block which consists of the flatlets mentioned above, Warden Quarters, laundry, communal rooms, guest bedrooms, library, and toilet facilities. The block is centrally heated and each flatlet has its own supplementary heating unit for use if required together with a kitchen, containing a cooker, Hot and Cold water, sink, food storage facilities etc. Each flat and flatlet is connected to the Warden's Quarters by an emergency bell. Our experience has been that this system is not used very much but at the times it has been used it has undoubtedly been appreciated and has possibly saved at least one life. It is interesting to record that to the old people the bell has become a symbol of security - it has given them sufficient confidence to dispel the fear of being alone during the night or sudden illness. The bell system must be backed by a good Warden, and I am more than pleased to record that our Warden is very capable and dedicated to the work. In the nine months that Ashley Close has been in use we have managed to convey to all concerned that each flat or flatlet is the responsibility of the tenant, yet at the same time the Warden has created an independent self-helping community ably backed by all the welfare services and by local organisations that have the care of the elderly at heart.

## Moveable Dwellings

### (a) Trailer Caravans

|                                                                   |               |      |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|------|
| Number of site licences                                           | ..            | 12   |
| Number of individual licences                                     | ..            | Nil  |
| Number of caravans permitted on above sites                       | ..            | 2097 |
| Number of caravans that will be allowed after completion of works | ..            | 2473 |
| Number of inspections during the year (i) Sites                   | ..            | 193  |
|                                                                   | (ii) Caravans | 76   |

Under the powers of the Caravan Site & Control of Development Act 1960, and after consultation with the County Council, adjoining Authorities and the Caravan Industry, the Council have agreed to new standards for each site. These standards are based mainly on the Model Standards issued by the Ministry with variations to suit local conditions. As these new standards demand building and road works, it was agreed to fix the 15th March 1963 for the completion of the required works. In one or two cases the works have commenced with the object of completion before the 1962 season, directly qualifying for the increased number of caravans.

### (b) Tents

The position of tenting in 196<sup>2</sup> was much better than in previous years. A temporary licence was issued to use part of an existing Caravan Site for tenting purposes. This site had water supply points, water closets for each sex and an adequate supply of dustbins. Unfortunately, this site will not be available in 1962. This factor was reported to the Council who are now investigating the possibility of purchasing land so that a proper and permanent tenting site can be made available to several hundreds of people who like this form of holiday making.

## Chalet Development

Fortunately, the demand for chalets has governed the supply. The sudden growth of some 750 as envisaged last year did not materialise, instead it resolved itself into a steady trickle which has enabled us to absorb this into the existing services without undue trouble.

## INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

### Milk

Reference to the Report of last year will remind you that this service is now administered by the County Council. However, it was found necessary to submit 3 samples of Pasteurised Milk following complaints. All samples were found to be satisfactory.

### Ice Cream

|                                                    |     |    |
|----------------------------------------------------|-----|----|
| No. of manufacturers on register                   | ... | 1  |
| No. of premises licenced for the sale of ice cream | ... | 60 |
| No. of inspections made                            | ... | 76 |
| No. of premises using soft ice cream machines      | ... | 4  |

Number and results of samples taken:-

| <u>Grade 1</u> | <u>Grade 2</u> | <u>Grade 3</u> | <u>Grade 4</u> |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 44             | 22             | 1              | Nil            |

The ice cream sold in this district continues to be of good quality. A little trouble was experienced with a new firm using soft ice cream machines. Following several educational visits and sampling, the trouble was found and quickly corrected.

### Bakehouses

|                    |    |   |
|--------------------|----|---|
| Number in district | .. | 2 |
| Number of visits   | .. | 7 |

Both bakehouses are in a satisfactory condition.

### Retail Food Shops

All the retail food shops have been inspected during the year and found to be in good condition.

The following goods were condemned as being unfit for human consumption:-

- 14 lb. - Fresh Fruit - Plums.
- 6 lb. - Pork Luncheon Meat.
- 12 lb. - Corned Beef
- 6 lb - Tinned Peaches
- 1 tray - Sausage Rolls.

## Meat Shops - Meat Products

All the shops and premises used for the manufacture of meat products have been inspected during the year. All were in good condition.

## Meat Inspection

Once again 100% coverage for meat inspection was achieved. 277 visits were made to the slaughterhouses for this purpose. For the first time in the history of meat inspection in this Urban Area no tuberculosis was found.

This is undoubtedly the result of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food's policy on the livestock section of Agriculture, and the constant meat inspection by the Local Authority.

Set out below is the statutory tabulation of the carcasses and offal inspected:-

CARCASSES AND OFFAL INSPECTED & CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART

|                                                                                                 | Cattle<br>excluding<br>Cows | Cows | Calves | Sheep<br>and<br>Lambs | Pigs | Horses |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------|--------|-----------------------|------|--------|
| Number killed (if known)                                                                        | 87                          | -    | -      | 1088                  | 15   |        |
| Number inspected                                                                                | 87                          | -    | -      | 1088                  | 15   | -      |
| All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci                                                 | -                           | -    | -      | 1                     | -    | -      |
| Whole carcasses condemned                                                                       |                             |      |        |                       |      |        |
| Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned                                             | 2                           | -    | -      | 3                     | -    | -      |
| Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci | 2.3%                        | -    | -      | .276%                 | -    | -      |
| Tuberculosis only                                                                               |                             |      |        |                       |      |        |
| Whole carcasses condemned                                                                       | -                           | -    | -      | -                     | -    | -      |
| Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned                                             | -                           | -    | -      | -                     | -    | -      |
| Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis                                   | -                           | -    | -      | -                     | -    | -      |
| Cysticerosis                                                                                    |                             |      |        |                       |      |        |
| Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned                                             | -                           | -    | -      | -                     | -    | -      |
| Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration                                               | -                           | -    | -      | -                     | -    | -      |
| Generalised and totally condemned                                                               | -                           | -    | -      | -                     | -    | -      |

## The Slaughterhouse Act 1958

During the year both slaughterhouses completed the modernisation called for under the above Act. In both cases the necessary licences have been issued.

## Food Hygiene Regulations

224 visits were made for purposes of the above Regulations. Improvements are constantly taking place in the Catering Trade. This year has seen two kitchens extended and fitted with more modern equipment. In three other cases additional sinks with hot water supplies have been installed. The constant inspections appear to be the only way of keeping the temporary summer staff in line with modern hygienic requirements.

## General Conclusion

Once more I repeat my remarks of previous years. It has been a year of steady progress in the environmental health services. There does not appear to be any matter that is likely to cause concern but we must at all times be vigilant and watchful because the unexpected can and does sometimes happen.



